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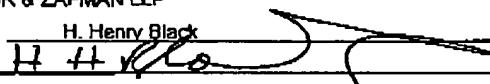
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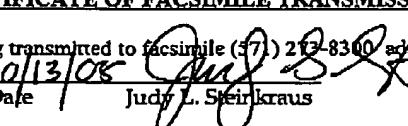
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FILED: 11/30/2001
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DISABLING AN INTERFACE
BETWEEN NETWORK ELEMENT
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, in connection with the above referenced patent application, reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Listing of claims as amended begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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